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Celebrating NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK & LIBRARY GIVING DAY

'Welcome to Your Library.' This year's theme for National Library Week echoes the invitation we've been extending to the people of Catawba County since 1936. However, the act of welcoming patrons took on special meaning in 2020 when the Catawba County Library reopened its doors on May 9 – an unusual gesture of service among both local and national libraries.

'Welcome to Your Library' promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community. They offer countless opportunities for residents to connect with others and explore new worlds through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.



During these challenging times, libraries have adapted to a changing world by boosting resources and continuing to meet the needs of patrons. In recent months, the Catawba County Library has made an extraordinary difference in people's lives by expanding technology: providing online programs for all ages, lending Wi-Fi-enabled tablets, establishing free Internet access points in the community, increasing digital books and

audiobooks, and maintaining public-use computers in all branches.

These enhanced resources make learning and access more convenient while they also provide a chance for patrons to connect with libraries in new ways. National Library Week highlights the especially valuable role that libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Like never before, library staff have served as an enormous source of support: answering questions, sharing knowledge, troubleshooting concerns, and being friendly, reliable voices amid uncertainty. They've been grateful not only to help individuals but also to empower people to improve their lives, their families, their neighborhoods, and much more.

As honorary chair of National Library Week 2021, actress and author Natalie Portman advocates for this important work and the essential role of libraries, saying, "Libraries show us anything is possible by encouraging a love of learning, discovery, and exploration."

Certainly, that's the calling of the Catawba County Library and its ongoing initiatives to make living better. As we celebrate, we ask for your participation by taking our annual survey and sharing with us how the library can be more effective for you. We also ask you to consider making a donation of any amount to the Library Endowment. Working hand in hand, we'll ensure that the benefits of the library are available for generations to come!



NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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Children / Teens / Families

Homework Helpers

Ongoing

The Catawba County Youth Council is partnering with the library to offer 20-minute time slots for homework and reading assistance.

Elementary and middle school-aged students may drop in on a first-come, first-served basis.

Just check in at the circulation desk for guidance when you arrive. Parents must remain in the library during each session.

Participating branches include:

- Newton: Mon & Wed 4-6 pm
- Sherrills Ford-Terrell: Mon 4-6 pm
- Conover: Sat 10 am-12 noon



Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10 am

Gather the kids and join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime! This family-friendly virtual event will include singing, reading, finger plays, and lots of your favorite activities!

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime>. You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

Unicorn Origami Bookmark

Friday, April 9 at 4 pm

Unicorn Day is coming, and your library is celebrating with a fun activity to add some magic to your reading!

Please register at www.tinyurl.com/unicorndayccl and a kit will be sent to your selected library.

Tune in at 4 pm for a live demonstration of how to create your very own origami unicorn bookmark!



Hickory Ballet Storytime: Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Saturday, April 17 at 11 am at Southside Park (1775 Southwest Blvd, Newton)

Celebrate the transition to spring by joining the Hickory Ballet & Performing Arts' Youth Company for a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* in an outdoor, socially-distanced, interactive storytime. The program by student dancers is open to all ages and to families. The Library to Go will also be set up at the Newton event if you'd like to check out books, talk about programs, and more!

Virtual Teen Anime/Manga Night

Monday, April 19 at 6 pm

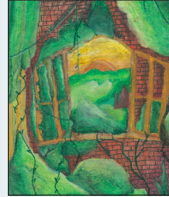
Hey, teens and tweens! Do you love anime and manga? Join us to watch anime and talk about Japanese culture. We'll provide a quick overview of the library's resources and growing manga collection. Want to gush about your favorite series? We're ready to listen! Register today to receive a small assortment of Japanese snacks – while supplies last! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CatCoAnime>.

STEAM Rocks! with Carolina Tim:

Weather-Forecasting Rocks

Thursday, April 22 at 4 pm

Join Carolina Tim as he explores nature, science, and art in a hands-on activity. For this program, we will be making weather rocks! Weather rocks are a fun way to forecast the weather. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CCLSTEAMRocks> and you will be sent the Zoom link for the program. Please have on hand a large rock, rope, and anything you may want to use to decorate your rock (crayons, waterproof markers, or paint pens). This program is recommended for kids age 4+.

YOUR ART WITH US:
THROUGH THE WINDOW

April 1-20

"Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes." Carl Jung's quotation is the source of inspiration for students from Balls Creek Elementary, Jacobs Fork Middle School, Catawba Rosenwald Education Center, and St. Stephens High School as they explore identity and reflection in 2-D, 3-D, and the written word.

This project is supported by a grant from the United Arts Council of Catawba County with the purpose of reaching students who have been impacted, and even homebound, by COVID-19. *Through the Window* provides inspiration and perspective to these students' experiences, however they choose to interpret them: looking through, looking in, or even seeing their own reflection in the window.

We hope you visit 2-D works at the Main Library in Newton, 3-D works at the St. Stephens Branch Library, and the entire exhibit online at the Arts @ the Library page (www.catawbacountync.gov/library).

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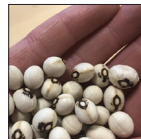


Adults / Career / Tech

Seed Library: Donate & Borrow

Ongoing

We're building a seed library, where the community can exchange seeds for free! We'll accept viable seeds at all locations during their standard business hours, and heirlooms are especially welcome. Please package and label any donations you drop off. Seeds may also be borrowed from the Main Library in Newton. They're subject to availability and cannot be reserved.



Community Navigators

Available through late April: Wednesdays 5:30-8 pm (by appt), Thursdays and Fridays 9 am-6 pm (except 12-1 pm), and Saturdays 1-6 pm (by appt)

Do you need help identifying community resources or applying for government assistance? If you could benefit from expert guidance to tap into programs that promote better quality of life for you and your family, the Main Library at Newton has Master of Social Work students available to help. If you're not quite sure what you need, they can also listen and troubleshoot with you! To set up an appointment, call 828.465.8664.



LIVE Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 6 pm

This fun dance workout is appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Classes are held outdoors in the lower parking lot of the Newton Library. In the event of rain, you may access the virtual session with this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944?pwd=S09kaEVkd0dydm1VWV14WnVUZG9sUT09> Then enter the meeting ID: **871 2056 3944** and follow it with the passcode: **Dance**. [Please note that this word is case sensitive. Enter it exactly as shown.] You can also visit www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithHmongSibs/.

Gratitude in the Garden

Monday, April 5 from 9-11 am

Our community garden needs to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and getting our hands dirty to prep our space for the new year. Participants should call 828.466.6821 to sign up.

ESL Class: Intermediate

Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6 pm

Practice speaking English with us on Tuesday evenings! We'll spend the first 20 minutes or so on grammar and usage topics and then start our conversations. If you'd like to register for class or get more information about the weekly series that runs through May 2021, please call the Newton branch at 828.465.8664.



Virtual Tai Chi

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 12 noon

Our lunchtime tai chi class is led by Cooperative Extension director Dr. George Place. The virtual session is designed to help people relax in their homes or offices during a quick half-hour. It also helps promote balance and alleviate the effects of arthritis. To get the Zoom code, check www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem the day of the class.

Mystery Mavens Book Club*Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm*

This monthly book club focuses on mysteries of all types and is open to everyone. Join us via Zoom for a lively discussion of *Furious Hours* by Casey Kep, led by Catawba County marketing and communications manager Amy McCauley. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CCLS-MysteryMavens>. You'll receive the Zoom link in your email. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't read this month's selection.

Healthy, Happy & Wise: Better Living Through Food Choice*Thursday, April 8 at 5:30 pm in English*

Join us for a virtual presentation on Zoom with certified personal trainer Dr. George Place to identify more ways to look after your physical health. Topics will include learning to choose foods to energize, boost immune response, and lose unwanted pounds, while also identifying foods that lead to chronic disease and increased inflammation. Register to receive the Zoom link by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthyHappyWise-reg>.

**Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting***Monday, April 12 at 11 am*

Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. Meets each second Monday.

Employment Workshop: Resumés 101*Tuesday, April 13 at 10 am*

Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba to create a resumé that will get you the interview! To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs> and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

**Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike***Tuesday, April 13 at 3 pm at Bakers Mountain Park*

Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi, followed by an hour's hike. These events tick all the well-being boxes: activity, calm, and nature, in the company of friends. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration (and waiver) required at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg>.

Zoom Workshop*Wednesday, April 14 at 11 am*

Join us for a virtual program all about Zoom video conferencing. The program will cover: how to create an account, how to join a meeting, how to host a meeting, and a review of new features. Register by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/cclszoom>. We'll send a Zoom link out the day before the program.

MoneySmart Credit & Money Management Workshop*Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 pm*

Topics covered include establishing or improving your credit score, creating a budget that works for you, how to read a credit report, and what you can do to correct errors that may be negatively affecting your credit score and taking money out of your pocket. Register to receive the Zoom link by noon on April 15 at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-MoneySmart-reg>.

**Healthy, Happy & Wise: Better Living Through Food Choice***Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 pm en español*

Join us for a virtual presentation on Zoom with certified personal trainer Dr. George Place to identify more ways to look after your physical health. Topics will include learning to choose foods to energize, boost immune response, and lose unwanted pounds, while identifying foods that lead to chronic disease and increased inflammation. Register to receive the Zoom link by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthyHappyWise-reg>.

Employment Workshop: Expungement*Tuesday, April 20 at 10 am*

Do you or someone you know qualify? Learn what you need to know from NCWorks Catawba about having charges removed from criminal records. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs> and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

Venus Flytrap DIY*Tuesday, April 20 at 4:30 pm*

Eastern North Carolina is one of the few native homes of the unusual and rare carnivorous plant, Venus flytrap. Master gardener Tad Adams is joining us for this fascinating presentation on the care and feeding of this curious specimen. Register to receive a kit at <http://tinyurl.com/flytrapdiy> (while supplies last), along with the Zoom invitation link.

**Yoga & Chill***Wednesday, April 21 at 9:30 am*

Take time for yourself and join our certified yoga instructor on Zoom for a meditation, some yoga poses, and a brief wellness topic of the month. Registration (and waiver) required at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-yoga-chill>.

Black History Discussion Group*Wednesday, April 21 at 4 pm*

This month we're celebrating National Poetry Month and delving into some of the classics of Black poetry. We will be exploring the background and context of prominent and lesser known Black poets. Peruse the poets and poems found here: www.africanamericanpoetry.org and then register to attend our discussion on Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-bhdg-reg> – we'll send you the Zoom link.

Wills and Advance Directives 101*Friday, April 23 at 11 am*

Join us via Zoom as we partner with Hunter Koehl from Legal Aid for a discussion about wills and advance directives. To register, please visit <https://www.tinyurl.com/ccls-Wills-reg>.

Gratitude in the Garden*Saturday, April 24 from 9-11 am*

Our community garden needs to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and getting our hands dirty to prep our space for the new year. Participants should call 828.466.6821 to sign up.

Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike*Saturday, April 24 at 9:30 am at Riverbend Park*

Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi, followed by an hour's hike. These events tick all the well-being boxes: activity, calm, and nature, in the company of friends. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration (and waiver) required at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg>.

Wills and Advance Directives 101*Monday, April 26 at 6 pm*

Join us via Zoom as we partner with Hunter Koehl from Legal Aid for a discussion about wills and advance directives. To register, please visit <https://www.tinyurl.com/ccls-Wills-reg>.

Employment Workshop: Interviewing*Tuesday, April 27 at 2 pm*

Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba on how to ace a job interview! To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs> and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

Niche Academy*Wednesday, April 28 at 11 am*

Interested in learning the basics of social media platforms or Google and Microsoft Office products? Join us for a walk-through of the Catawba County Library's new tutorial offerings provided by Niche Academy. Register by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/cclsnicheacademy>. We'll send a Zoom link out the day before the program.

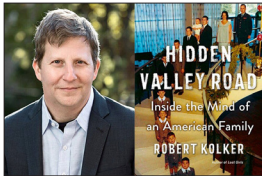
**Piece of Cake Book Club – Online***Thursday, April 29 at 4 pm*

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, we're meeting on Zoom on the last Thursday of the month to chat about great books. April's pick is *The Daughter's Tale* by Armando Lucas Correa. May's selection is *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake> to receive the Zoom link.

Upcoming! Hearts & Minds OLBC

Thursday, May 20 at 5:30 pm

This OnLine BookClub has a focus on health and wellness. We'll meet on Zoom to discuss Robert Kolker's *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*. Make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and settle in with the rest of us to talk about this riveting true story of one family's unforgettable legacy of suffering, love, and hope. Register to receive the Zoom link at <https://tinyurl.com/ccls-HeartMind-reg>.



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Library to Go in the Town of Catawba

Thursdays, April 1 and 15 from 10 am-2 pm

We're making appearances in Catawba on the first and third Thursdays at Redeemer Lutheran Church, ELCA (200 S Main St). We're asking that anyone who comes to visit make it a brief stop, sanitize your hands as you come in, and wear your mask while in the building. We'll be taking temperatures at the door and will have extra masks and hand sanitizer for everyone to use.

Library to Go at Plaza Latina

Saturday, April 10 from noon-4 pm

We'll be making a visit to Plaza Latina (1901 Northwest Blvd) to share resources and information and will be partnering with Catawba County Public Health to answer questions about COVID-19 and schedule vaccine appointments. Come out and see us!

Library to Go at Southside Park

Saturday, April 17 at 3 pm

The Library to Go is heading out to Southside Park (1775 Southwest Blvd) for the Hickory Ballet's performance of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and to share library resources with families. We can't wait to see you there!

Library to Go at Catawba Farms

Saturday, April 24 from 12 noon-until

The Library to Go will be at Catawba Farms (1670 Southwest Blvd, Newton) to enjoy the Catawba Valley Festival of the Arts. This is a full weekend event that we hope you'll be able to attend and enjoy. Check out the Catawba Valley Festival of the Arts on Facebook (www.facebook.com/the.cvfa) to see the latest updates and find out which artists and designers will join us.

GOOD TO KNOW**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

By scanning this QR Code with the camera app of your smartphone, you'll open an Internet browser and will be directed to our online events calendar. Then, simply click on any program name to find a link that will allow you to register online!

EASTER HOLIDAY

Please note that all library branches will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 as part of the Easter holiday.



Each branch will resume normal operations on either Monday, April 5 or Tuesday, April 6.

TAKE THE ANNUAL LIBRARY SURVEY

Your opinion counts! The Catawba County Library wants to hear from you. Our quick survey will take only a few minutes of your time, but your answers will make a huge difference as we develop library programs, services, and facilities. There are no right or wrong answers and your responses are completely confidential. The survey runs through **Saturday, April 17, 2021**. English and Spanish versions are available. Thank you for your time and input!

Visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library to take the survey, or ask a staff member for a paper copy at any library location.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENDOWMENT

The Library Endowment is a special, permanent way for you to give, because your donation of any size remains in a protected fund that continues to grow year after year. Only the interest is used, solely to benefit library services, collections, and programs. So now – and years from now – your donation is working for your library.

On Library Giving Day – **Wednesday, April 7** – the Friends of the Library will be matching all donations up to \$500, so your gift will be even more impactful. Please join us in this vital effort!

Donate at www.catawbacountync.gov/library.